

Biographies

KEITH DAYTON

Lieutenant General Keith W. Dayton assumed the position of United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority in December 2005. Dayton heads a team of twenty-five American, British and Canadian military and civilian professionals assigned by their governments to work in the region. Before his posting to the Middle East, Dayton served at the U.S. Department of Defense as the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy for the U.S. Army. An artilleryman by training, Dayton has served in command and leadership positions in the United States military for more than three decades. His tours of duty included commanding the Iraq Survey Group and serving as the U.S. Defense Attaché in Russia. Dayton served as a Senior Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in 1995-6. Dayton is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the National Security Fellowship Program at Harvard University. He received his B.A. from the College of William and Mary and he holds master's degrees from Cambridge University and the University of Southern California.

STEVEN ERLANGER

Steven Erlanger became the Jerusalem bureau chief of *The New York Times* in August 2004. He has served in numerous postings for the newspaper, including Berlin Bureau Chief, Bureau Chief for Central Europe and the Balkans, based in Prague, and Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, based in Washington. From 1991-5, he was posted in Moscow, after being Bangkok Bureau Chief and Southeast Asia Correspondent from 1988-91. Previously, he worked for *The Boston Globe* for eleven years including as European Correspondent based in London from 1983-7 and as Deputy National and Foreign Editor for three years before that. He also reported from Eastern Europe, Moscow and revolutionary Iran. From 1975-83, Erlanger was a Teaching Fellow at Harvard University, first in the College and then at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He shared in a Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting for a series on al-Qa'ida and global terrorism awarded in 2002 and received the American Society of Newspaper Editors' 2001 Jesse Laventhol prize for deadline reporting for his work in the

former Yugoslavia. He won the German Marshall Fund's Peter Weitz Prize in 2000 for excellence and originality in reporting and analyzing European and transatlantic affairs and the Robert Livingston Award for international reporting in 1981 for a series of articles about Eastern Europe. Erlanger received an A.B. degree from Harvard in 1974 and studied at St. Antony's College, Oxford.

SALLAI MERIDOR

Sallai Meridor is the Ambassador of Israel to the United States. Meridor has previously served as the Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization from 1999-2005. Previously, Meridor was the Treasurer of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, as well as head of the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Division. Before joining the Jewish Agency, Meridor served as an advisor to Israel's Ministers of Defense and of Foreign Affairs. During his government service he was involved in designing Israel's foreign and defense policies. He played a role in the peace process leading to the Madrid Peace Conference, including participating in the subsequent negotiations as the representative of the Israeli Ministry of Defense. Meridor also led Israel's Inter-Agency Steering Committee on Arms Control. He has a B.A. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

AHMED QUREI'

Ahmed Qurei' (aka Abu 'Alaa) is currently head of the Palestinian peace negotiating team and has met regularly with his Israeli counterparts in preparation for the forthcoming Annapolis international meeting. From 2003-6, Qurei' was Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority. Before this, he served as Speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council from 1996-2003, and was Minister of Economy and Trade and Minister of Industry in the Palestinian Authority between 1994-6. A specialist in economics and finance, Qurei' was appointed as the head of the Economic Department of the Executive Committee of the PLO in 1983. Qurei' participated in multiple negotiation sessions with Israel, and was a key figure in the 1991 Madrid Conference, the negotiations that led to the 1993 Declaration of Principles, and the 1995 Oslo Interim agreement.

YUVAL STEINITZ

Yuval Steinitz is a Member of the Knesset from the Likud Party and a member of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. Steinitz was first elected to the Knesset in July 1999 and he has held a series of important Knesset positions including Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Chairman of the Subcommittee for Intelligence and Secret Services, Chairman of the Subcommittee for Defense Planning and Policy, and member of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee. Together with a strategic study team, he advised Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu before the Wye Agreement of 1998, and presented analyses to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense committee and senior staff of the Israel Defense Forces. He has served as Senior Lecturer at Haifa University and has published four philosophy books that received great public acclaim in Israel including *Invitation to Philosophy* (1987). He holds a B.A. and an M.A from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as well as a Ph.D. from Tel Aviv University.

IMAD TELHAMI

Imad Telhami is currently establishing a regional company concentrating on spreading environmental technologies in the Middle East through regional business partnerships. Most recently he has served as Chief Operating Officer of Delta Galil Industries, a \$700 million Israeli-based company operating in fifteen countries with 15,000 employees. He has also served as Delta's Chief Executive Officer of global divisions and Senior Vice President. In those capacities, he led dramatic turnarounds of three Delta divisions, and

effectively managed growth and stability of production in Egypt and Jordan during politically-charged periods. He also managed operations in London, New York City, and in the United Kingdom. Telhami has been active in organizations and programs seeking equality and reconciliation in Israel as well as regional cooperation and peace. He is a board member of *Kav Mashve* ("Equal Measure"), an academic employment foundation seeking equality for Arabs and Jews; a member of the assembly of the Jerusalem Foundation; a member of the Israeli-Palestinian Business Council; a participant in the World Economic Forum; and a participant in the Middle East Regional Security and Cooperation project, sponsored by the University of California, Los Angeles.

MOSHE YAALON

Moshe Yaalon is a distinguished fellow at the Shalem Center. His distinguished career in the Israel Defense Forces culminated in his service as the seventeenth Chief of the General Staff from 2002-5. During this time he led the army's successful effort to quell the Palestinian terrorist violence that was launched in September 2000. Drafted into the Israel Defense Forces in 1968, he served in the Nahal Paratroop Regiment. After fighting as a reservist in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, he returned to active duty and completed officer's training. He held several command positions in the Paratroop Brigade and was wounded in combat at the end of the 1982 Lebanon War. He retired from the Israel Defense Forces with the rank of Lieutenant General. Yaalon has a bachelor's degree from the University of Haifa and he has pursued advanced studies at the United Kingdom's command and staff college in Camberley.